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Dear Sir-
Allow me to introduce myself as I have long been acquainted with you - and with your earnest & gracious Irish Heart - & now from you I feel certain you have received many curses from the New South, (as it is called) for the part you took in regard to the National Election Law - You were right in regard to it - I am growing old nearing the three score years & ten that was allotted to man - but there has been nothing that has impressed my mind more for our country's good - I have felt it for years, but last fall & winter I often woke up in the night thinking of it - will not Congress pass it & say

I certainly thot they would
Oh how sadly I was disappointed -
I have been a Republican all
my life - was a member of a glee
Club in 1840 who sang the Tippecanoe
songs during that campaign -
I was born and lived in Western
Penn until the close of the war in
'65, when I went to new Murfrees-
boro Tenn. am a farmer, have been
one all my life - lived there with
my family until the Spring of 1870.
and would have been there yet if
it had not been for the extreme
hatred that the people of the south
were received - I will say that
there are some good true and faith-
full men there as ever lived - true
to their country interest, true to
their fellow man & true to their God
but the majority of the white race
are as treacherous as the devil and
as deceitful as sin and Satan

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I have friends that are near and dear to me (brothers) with their families living there in the south, that are true to their country - but a few ringleaders of the Shot Gun Class has the rule and will rule as long as the government of the U.S. by their Representatives rests seemingly so indifferent about it - Pres. Harrison & party was received with ovation - but let them speak of their actions, their atrocious lawlessness - and they would burn him in effigy before the fourth of July - people that allows the likeness of Washington to be taken down and replaced by Jef Davis portrait - the Arch Trator of America shows a people retrograding from truth, honesty and justice

I am, of what is now called republican stock, I have been taught what is truth and justice, is right

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The traitors of our country should have been punished. the ringlead should have been hung or court-marshal law shot— our Country was to leniant towards the enimis of our Country. Our Representatives was to Chicken hearted to vocal breed — to much given to pleasure and profit — than the true interest of us as a nation — The South, I mean the white population is near by united on one thing that is State rights — If Gen Jackson was here to day and condem the doctrine of State rights, those noble honourable Citizens of New Orleans would gather a few thousand about them and tare Jacksons Monument down and scatter the Contents in the Mississipi river — while three cheers would go up from the whole south for "Jod's noble Englishman

The Republican party has not done Justice in part to the Freedman, they have not done Justice to our Soldiers in part - in not punishing our government traitors - They should protect the Freedman in his just rights as a Citizen if it was necessary to hang four out of five of the white men of the South to accomplish it people that would sell their own flesh and blood, in order to live at ease and pleasure - I have little sympathy for such - but at the present time I feel discouraged - there is only one thing that could make me feel hopefull - that is "Man's inability is God's opportunity" - "God moves in his mistereous way, his wonders to perform." and as we will thus ely visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third

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and fourth generation of them that hate him - the day of his wrath will surely come, although merciful and gracious -

The thousands of lives they have been the means of taking within the last sixty years is sufficient to bring a terrible retribution upon them - and I believe it will -

The teachings that were taught the children was sufficient for me to take my wife and family (seven son's & two daughters) and leave that ungodly people - In '68 I seen men threaten to cut the heart out of colored men if they voted the Republican ticket - they did not vote it but they were forced to vote a democratic one - that is what is known as free speech, and a fair count in the South - one more this, that is in respect to the Farmers & Labourd Union - it is nothing more or less

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Then a democratic click, a Still hunt, a Jesuit plan of deceitfulness — with a platform "Believing in the doctrine of equal rights to all, and special privileges to none" is a farce — a deception — a perfect libille —

I am sorry that W. A Jeffers has ever got into such a set of ——— ——— he is truly a good man, was a true Soldier — discharged at Nashville, settled near Clarksville, Tenn — with a Excellent wife & family. Insulted by the, chivarous South until 1870 he concluded like myself to find a more congenial clime to bring his family up in — we came together to St. Louis — parted there but have kept up correspondence ever since

I wish him and his family all the good that mortals can have here on earth — with the prospect

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a fixed immortality beyond the grave — but he has got in bad company i am afraid — many of these secret organizations are a great curse not only to themselves as members but to their great good — spiritually, morally and financially — and sometimes even physically —

Now please excuse me for any further rig ma role — and make all allowances for I find I've been writing all this time without my glasses — & wishing you a long and happy life, and be able for many, many years yet to come, to write for our country's good — In this I clasp your hand in a good hug — while I expect to hear from you tomorrow by your "Son of Old Harry"

Yours Truly
Benjamin Beatty

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